GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN PLAN OUTLAY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan outlay of the Ninth Five Year Plan has been increased drastically whereas physical targets for crude oil/gas production, accretion of reserves etc. have not been enhanced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to increase the production of crude gas/oil?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question 3614 for answer on 16.8.2001 regarding increase in Plan outlay

(a) & (b): In respect of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), an outlay of Rs.20199 crore was originally approved for the IX Plan. During the Mid Term Review(MTR) in 1999-2000, based on the actuals for the first two years, the Revised Estimate of 1999-2000, Budget Estimate of 2000-01 and the indicative figure for 2001-02, the plan outlay has been estimated to be Rs.23771 crore. The increase in the MTR outlay as compared to the IX Plan is mainly on account of the increase in the progamme for exploration.

As regards Oil India Ltd.(OIL), the IX Plan outlay of Rs.2961 crore and the physical targets have not been revised subsequen.

(c): Several important steps have been taken to increase crude oil production in the country, which include :

(i) To improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes; in particular Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimatec investment of Rs. 10,000 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields.

(ii) To increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).Under the first round of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) have been signed for 24 blocks in which works are in progress.Additionally, under the second round of NELP, PSCs have been signed on17.7.2001 for 23 blocks.

(iii) To attract technology and investment; PSCs for 9 discovered fields, 8 in Gujarat and 1 in Assam, were signed on 23.2.2001 with consortia of Indian and foreign companies.

(iv) To explore in new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(v) To develop faster the newly discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.